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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Tetsumasa Ito

Application No.: 10/050,608

Art Unit: 1634

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Examiner: B. Forman

For: GENE DETECTION SYSTEM, GENE
DETECTION DEVICE USING SAME,
DETECTION METHOD, AND GENE
DETECTING CHIP

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (37 CFR 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-5, 9-12 and 20-22, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments dispose of the issues presented in the final rejection and/or place the claims in condition for appeal.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

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any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.